

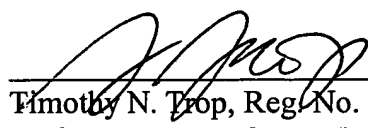
placed in independent form as claim 13, and claim 17 had been placed in independent form as claim 30, while claim 20 has been placed in independent form as claim 32.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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